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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 22, 2003, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following comments.

Remarks

The Examiner rejected claims 39-40, 42-44 and 46-60 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jang (US 4590062) in combination with the newly-cited reference Khan (US 5656296). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 39-40, 42-44 and 46-60 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jang in view of Khan since: